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ILLINOIS VOTES ON LOCAL OPTION QUESTION TODAY

Many Counties Will Decide to Abolish or Retain Licensed Saloons

Michigan Held Election Yesterday With Mixed Results.

CONTESTS FOR CITY OFFICES

Springfield, Ill., April 7.—Rain is general throughout the state and will continue so all day. Local option elections are being held in all except nine cities. Three thousand saloons are affected.

Detroit, April 7.—Prohibition won nine out of the 14 counties, in which the liquor question was submitted at the polls yesterday.

Chicago, April 7.—The fate of three thousand saloons in eighty-four counties in Illinois will be determined today. It will be the first trial of the local option law in counties embracing township organization. Last November in sixteen counties, which retained the older form of county government, local option elections were held, and the anti-saloon forces had their first taste of victory. Saloons were abolished in six counties and in nine others the city or village lying within a precinct voted to continue the saloon, all other precincts in each county voting "dry."

This made nineteen counties in the state in which saloons existed in but one city or village of each county. The ten counties in which this condition prevailed previous to the November election, to vote on the question of abolishing the dram shop. In all districts where the saloons are the issue the law provides that the people shall not vote on the question again for two years.

Provisions of the statute forbid not only the operation of saloons, but also the delivery of bottled goods to houses in the territory carried by the local option forces. Saloon keepers are given thirty days after the election in which time to dispose of their stocks. The law has been attacked, and a case involving its constitutionality is pending in the supreme court of this state.

The finish of the campaign was attended by spectacular features, which have marked it from the beginning. This was especially true in Bloomington, where several thousand women and children paraded the streets in an effort to induce voters to cast ballots against the saloons.

Although Chicago, as a city, will not be called upon to vote on the question, the residents will have an opportunity to cast ballots for or against the saloons. They reside in the extreme northwest corner of the city, where the township of Maine extends over the city line for a few rods.

The only cities in Illinois, besides Chicago, that do not vote on the saloon question are Peoria, Quincy, East St. Louis, Streator, Ottawa, Jacksonville, LaSalle and Galena.

Result in Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., April 7.—Indications are that yesterday's election added nine more counties to the Michigan dry column. As Van Buren was the only county heretofore "dry," the total of local option counties becomes ten. Of the fourteen counties where prohibition made a campaign, Kalamazoo, Cass, Gladwin, Osceola and Oakland voted against local option.

In the Midland country, fifteen out of twenty-three precincts gave a majority in favor of local option.

The "wets" carried St. Joseph, Clinton, Barry, Wexford, Gratiot, Missaukee, Grand Traverse and Oceana counties.

At Grand Rapids, George B. Ellis, Republican, was elected mayor, and F. H. Hiram, Democrat, was elected mayor of Kalamazoo. John Campbell, Democrat, elected mayor of Muskegon, George R. Herkimer, Democrat, elected mayor of Dowagiac.

In Tuscola county, where the vote was on accepting the primary laws, there was a fight between Governor Warner in favor of the primary and T. P. Atwood, former state railroad commissioner, opposed. Indications are that Warner won by a slight majority.

Later returns from Tuscola county show a majority of 861 for the direct nomination system. At Flint, Genesee county, George E. McKinley, representing the "drys," was defeated for mayor by H. C. Spencer, and in Owosso, Saginaw county, Wallace D. Burke, a saloon keeper was elected mayor, defeating Stanley E. Parkhill.

Cropper Night Riders Demand Two-Thirds, Instead of One-Half, as Their Share in Three Counties

Planters Who Dumped Crops, Warned to Leave Kentucky in Ten Days—Barn Near Augusta is Burned.

Louisville, Ky., April 7.—(Special.)—"Croppers" of Union, Henderson and Webster counties are demanding two-thirds of the tobacco and corn crops as their share, instead of the one-half, as they formerly received. Night riding methods have been adopted to force compliance with their demand.

Must Leave State.
Harrodsburg, Ky., April 7.—(Special.)—K. E. Crossfield received a letter signed "N. R." ordering him to leave the state in ten days. He is a member of the Burley Tobacco society, but sold his tobacco outside the pool. He says he will stay and defend himself. Other farmers in the Salvisa neighborhood are threatened, and some are preparing to leave the state.

Tobacco Barn Burned.
Augusta, Ky., April 7.—(Special.)—Twenty-five night riders burned the tobacco barn of S. W. McKibben here, containing 10,000 pounds belonging to Caleb Atherton, who refused to pool his crop.

Many Are Leaving.
Salvisa, Ky., April 7.—(Special.)—Farmers are greatly alarmed and many are preparing to leave as the result of warnings of night riders to go on account of selling their pooled tobacco.

TO HEAR PARDON CASES

Frankfort, Ky., April 7.—(Special.)—Governor Wilson set Thursday to hear applications for Powers' and Howards' pardons.

DISPENSARY MAY BE EQUIPPED FOR CITY

It is possible that a dispensary will be established at Riverside hospital, as the finance committee of the general council has called the attention of the hospital board to the large bills for drugs sent in from various drug stores. Laundry bills also have caused the finance committee some consternation. One or two other city departments, it is claimed, are running up expenses that threaten a deficit in their budgets.

TAFT HAS MORE THAN SIXTY PERCENT OF DELEGATES TO NAT'L CONVENTION

How Conventions Resulted Outside Favorite Son States Last Week.

Columbus, O., April 7.—When reports had been received at Taft national headquarters here of the delegates selected to the national Republican convention including Friday, the following statement was issued:

"In the past week only six delegates were selected outside 'favorite son' states. West Virginia entered the list of states without candidates of their own in which action has been taken when the third district convention at Hinton Indorsed Secretary Taft and unanimously instructed two delegates for him. Of the six delegates elected in 'open' territory during the week, four were instructed for Secretary Taft and two, from Porto Rico, were uninstructed. In addition, two Taft instructed delegates were elected in the First Illinois (Chicago) district. Virginia and Ohio contributed four more instructed Taft delegates.

"Other delegates elected during the week were 18 in Illinois, instructed for Speaker Cannon; the four delegates-at-large from Indiana, instructed for Vice President Fairbanks, and four from the Buffalo, New York, districts, instructed for Governor Hughes. The last are the first delegates elected from New York.

"Of the 300 delegates now elected, 202 or 67 per cent, are instructed for Secretary Taft. Thirty of the remaining delegates are uninstructed, but one of the Democratic leaders of the state, John H. Kirk, a Democrat, who had the support of the liquor dealers, was elected mayor of Ypsilanti.

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FARMERS FEAR TO DELIVER CROP TO TOBACCO BUYERS

Murray, Ky., April 7. (Special.)—About 50 farmers of Calloway county who have contracted to deliver their tobacco to the independent buyers but are afraid to deliver their crop on account of the intimidation of night riders, are facing financial loss in the shape of civil suits for breach of contract, if they fail to deliver their tobacco before May 1, which is the time specified for all tobacco deliveries.

Practically all of the farmers who have their tobacco on hand have been notified not to deliver to independent dealers, but upon application to the buyers have been refused a return of their contracts. All the independent buyers have worked up their purchases that have been received, and shipped them to New York and other places to be prepared for export, and the crews at the rehandling houses are simply waiting for something to do. The presence of soldiers patrolling the rural districts has had the effect of allaying fears of any trouble at present, and it is believed that if indictments are returned by the grand jury, which meets Monday, against the perpetrators of outrages committed before the arrival of the soldiers, the work of restoring law and order in the county will have been practically completed, but until then it is not believed that a majority of the farmers, who now fear to deliver their tobacco according to contract, will do so until the last vestige of danger of molestation afterwards is removed.

GERMANS PROSPECTING

Joseph Potonick and Leslie Johns, Germans from Berlin, have arrived in Paducah to investigate farming conditions, and possibly join the German colony near this city. They will be followed by a party of 16 or 18 in a few weeks, it is said.

HADLEY NOT CANDIDATE

Jefferson City, April 7.—Attorney General Hadley issued a statement today, declining to be a candidate for governor on the Republican ticket, because his physicians say the state campaign would seriously impair his health.

fully one-third of this number have made personal Taft declarations. Sixty-eight delegates are now instructed for other candidates, as follows: Vice President Fairbanks, the Indiana delegation of 30; Speaker Cannon, 34 of the 40 Illinois delegates now elected; Governor Hughes, the four New York delegates now elected.

"There are now 42 contests, in 16 of which only Taft delegates are involved."

Ordered to Secure a Wife.

Lexington, Ky., April 7.—John Todd, a horseman of this city, has received a letter signed "Night Riders," warning him to secure a wife within 30 days. He takes the matter seriously, but friends think it a joke.

WEATHER.



RAIN

Showers tonight and probably Wednesday. Not much change in temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 80; lowest today, 54.

SOLICITOR ASKS COUNCIL TO PASS GOOD FRANCHISE

Thinks it Necessary in City's Litigation With East Tennessee Company.

Wants One With Reasonable Terms in His Fight.

COMPANY MAY ACCEPT THIS

City Solicitor Campbell has made another proposal to the general council for a franchise ordinance for the East Tennessee Telephone company, which, he says, is necessary in the litigation between the city and the company, and this time the lower board has instructed its committee to bring in such an ordinance.

The whole controversy between the city and the company rests ultimately on the question of rates, and it is suspected, while Mr. Campbell expects after this franchise is offered for sale to use it in the suit, alleging thereupon that a reasonable franchise has been offered the company, that the company will purchase the franchise and thus end the trouble.

According to the terms, which Mr. Campbell expects to embody in the franchise, the company will be allowed to charge \$2.50 for residence and \$1 for business phones up to 4,000 subscribers, and after that for every additional thousand subscribers, or fraction thereof to charge an additional 50 cents for business phones and 25 cents for residence phones.

Mr. Campbell said the disagreement between the city and the company was that the latter wished to make the additional charge after it had 3,000 subscribers.

Attorney Hal Corbett, who is employed by the city to assist Mr. Campbell in the suit, is of the opinion that the city will win her contention, anyway; but Mr. Campbell is inclined to think it necessary to offer a reasonable franchise to the company, and his study of the situation leads him to believe that the terms he proposes are reasonable.

When the city offered the East Tennessee company a franchise similar to that of the Home company, Mr. Campbell paid no attention, as he frankly declared, that such a franchise would not be considered reasonable, after a court had made investigation of the cost of maintaining an exchange and the original investment.

A proposition of Councilman Al Young that one or more ordinances of the same kind be put up for sale, so that the Home company would have a chance to bid on a franchise of the same liberal terms offered the East Tennessee company, was defeated last night.

TWO ARE HANGED

Philadelphia, April 7.—Max Sofer and Joseph Raleco were hanged on the same scaffold at the state prison today. Sofer killed his sweetheart and Raleco murdered a man.

Raleco sobbed and was screaming until the noose cut short his cries in the death agony. Thousands of foreigners stormed the prison gates while the hanging was in progress. The execution was one of the most horrible ever witnessed.

CITY'S WASTE IS TO BE CHECKED BY NEW DEPARTMENT

It is probable that whoever Paducah's city buyer may be, if the aldermen concur in the councilman's resolution, he will have his office with Street Inspector E. E. Bell. Mayor Smith is given the power of appointment and a systematic method of buying supplies for all the city departments will be inaugurated. Perhaps some things will be bought in quantities and stored until wanted. Other things, such as hay, will be bought in large quantities and distributed to all departments instead of allowing the street department to purchase some, the pest house keeper to purchase his own and the police and fire department their own. In some instances as high as \$18 has been paid for hay, that could be got for much less. Departments have purchased chairs when the city has stacks of them captured in raids. The city buys more than \$50,000 worth of material a year, and it is believed that \$5,000 easily is wasted.

Stoney Ferguson Was in Paducah, But Did Not Respond When Name Was Called in Circuit Court Today

DETECTIVE SHOT BY ANARCHIST HE TRIES TO ARREST

Aguilar, Col., April 7.—Tony Shelby, a detective, was shot and killed early today by Frank Cartanas, whom he was trying to arrest as an anarchist suspect. Cartanas escaped. It is believed a lynching will follow his recapture.

BANK SAFE BLOWN BY ROBBERS WHO TAKE \$6,000 AWAY

Huron, Kas., April 7.—The safe in the Bank of Huron was blown open by robbers early today and \$6,000 taken. The men made their escape on a hand-car with citizens, who were awakened by the explosions, following on foot and shooting.

Two suspects were arrested at Topeka. Six men drilled through a brick wall and then blew the interior of the safe. The citizens fired on didn't leave their homes until the men departed. The sheriff left for Horton with a posse.

OFFICERS ARRIVE AT MURRAY TODAY FOR CONFERENCE

Murray, Ky., April 7.—(Special.)—Two officers arrived from Hopkinsville today and are in close consultation with the county authorities. It is generally believed they are conferring in regard to summoning witnesses before the grand jury next week and making plans to protect the grand jurors and witnesses; but not a word regarding their intentions has leaked out.

PAY DAY APRIL 16

Railroad officials at Paducah received notice today that the Illinois Central pay car would reach here Thursday, April 16, to pay the local employees. The pay roll for March will be up to the average of any month since Christmas, for while the number of employees has been reduced materially the force has lost little time, the locomotive department at the shops working full time, and the car department losing only two days during the month.

100 SICK SAILORS

Washington, April 7.—The hospital ship relief left Magdalena bay today for Mare Island with 100 sick aboard.

Twenty People Injured.

Chicago, April 7.—Twenty persons were injured when a south side elevated car jumped the track and pitched headlong to the street below. The passengers were thrown to the lower end.

FOR BENNETT MURDER

Clarksville, Tenn., April 7.—(Special.)—John Gardner and Walter Hunt, charged with complicity in killing Vaughn Bennett, surrendered.

WOMAN WATCHING FIRE AT KUTTAWA FALLS OVER DEAD

Kuttawa, Ky., April 7.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed Ike Marshall's livery stable and the Southern Stove company's plant last night with a loss of \$3,500. Mrs. Augusta Whittington, an aged woman, while watching the fire, was overcome with heart failure and died.

CRIMINAL COURT SESSION BEGINS WITH PETIT JURY

Several Minor Criminal Cases Disposed of by Judge Reed Today

Two Sentenced to Penitentiary For Thefts.

NAMES OF THE PETIT JURORS

After empaneling the petit jury in the criminal division of circuit court this morning Judge Reed began trying the charges against prisoners already in jail under indictment.

The first cases disposed of were those of Mose Vaughan and James Tucker, colored, charged with attempting to rob Herbert Blackburn, a steam boat fireman. Mose Vaughan plead guilty to the charge against him and was given one year in the penitentiary by agreement of the prosecuting attorney. Tucker demanded trial, and after the evidence was heard the jury returned a verdict of guilty and gave him 18 months in the pen.

The prosecution failed to make out a case against Steve O'Conner and Joe McLain charged with stealing iron from the Riglesberger mill and selling it to the Jackson foundry, and they were dismissed from custody at the instance of the prosecuting attorney. The evidence showed that Jackson bought the iron from a man who O'Conner and McLain claimed employed them to help wreck the boilers at the Riglesberger mill, and haul the iron to the foundry.

Mary Hill, Ida Williams, Lizzie Oisby and Lizzie Jenkins, negro women charged with robbing Cornelia Reed's house on Washington street, were acquitted, while Nannie Gray, arraigned for the same offense, was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years.

The charge against Lucy Tindel for malicious shooting was fled away. Charles Briggeman was fined \$50 on a malicious shooting charge.

Tom Baker was fined \$20 for gaming and Harry Smith, tried on a similar charge, acquitted.

The murder charge against Stoney Ferguson was continued.

The Alex Wade murder case was called this afternoon but may be recessed until a later day in the term on account of absent witnesses.

The Jurors.
The petit jurors are: R. L. Nelson, J. M. McKinley, J. T. Flowers, C. W. Morrison, W. H. Farley, J. T. Armstrong, Fritz Beyer, James Johnson, J. C. Dismukes, T. B. Chiles, S. J. Billington, W. C. Koch, H. C. Hines, J. M. Frazier, Thomas Clayton, W. T. Smith, V. J. Harris, C. G. Acker, J. E. Watson, J. E. Brockman, S. W. Bell, James Bottom, H. J. Boldry, J. S. Hunt, R. C. Mansfield, E. B. Richardson, J. T. Bishop, James A. Lane, M. L. Bryan, T. L. Darnell.

Emma Goldman Detained.
Minneapolis, Minn., April 7.—Emma Goldman, the anarchist, was turned back at the boundary line at Noyes today by the federal immigration officials. She will be held at Winnipeg until she can prove she is a citizen of the United States.

Congressman Brick Dies.
Indianapolis, April 7.—Abraham Lincoln Brick, the South Bend congressman, died here today in a sanitarium.

KILLS WIFE WITH AX

Clarksville, Tenn., April 7.—Anderson Jefferson is in jail charged with wife murder. While she slept at their home near Guthrie it is alleged he split her head with an ax, almost severing her head from her body, and afterwards cut her throat. Jealousy is the supposed cause. He appears to be insane.

PRINCE HELIE IS JUBILANT TODAY OVER PROSPECTS

New York, April 7.—Through Mrs. George Gould's intervention, it is reported the family opposition to the proposed marriage of Anna Gould to Prince Helie, has practically disappeared. George Gould alone is said to be withholding his consent. The arrangements were discussed at a family dinner last night. Prince Helie is jubilant today.

Slayer of Gus Morris Was Seen on Street and Recognized—He Admitted His Identity to Two People Friday.

Contrary to the expectations of his friends, Stoney Ferguson did not answer in circuit court this morning when the case, charging him with murder was called, and although it is known that Ferguson was in Paducah last Friday and Saturday and possibly Sunday, it is supposed that he decided not to face the charge against him at this time.

Information regarding the movements of Ferguson was received by the officials today and that he was here at the time stated is positively known, as he was seen and recognized by several reliable citizens who conversed with him.

Friday morning about 7 o'clock he appeared at the office of the Kentucky Printing office, opposite the sheriff's office on South Fourth street, and inquired for his son, Zel Ferguson, who was formerly employed there. He stated that he was the father of the lad and that the last he heard of him he was working at that place. Mr. Johnson, the proprietor of the shop and Mr. Dodd, foreman, talked with him some time. Neither was personally acquainted with him and they did not realize until several hours after he had gone that they had in their power a man on whose head there was a price of \$200. Other reputable citizens who knew Ferguson personally, met him in the vicinity of Seventh and Trimble streets. Every one seeing him says that he was poorly dressed and had a several weeks' growth of beard on his face. As far as learned the only time he admitted his identity was at the printing office, where he inquired for his son.

Since Ferguson failed to surrender to the authorities, his friends are at a loss to account for his visit to the city. His family and friends have stated on numerous occasions that he would return at the proper time and stand trial.

Stoney Ferguson killed Gus Morris about one year ago, by stabbing him in the neck with a log knife. The trouble was caused by a remark Morris made when Ferguson brushed against May Gordon, a woman with whom Morris was in company. Ferguson made his escape and has never been captured.

It has been rumored that he was in the government service in Panama, but he was never located there by the officers.

Ferguson's family moved to Murray soon after the killing. Commonwealth's Attorney John G. Lovett said this morning that no one had ever mentioned to him that Ferguson intended surrendering and he was surprised to learn that Ferguson had been in the city.

PORTUGAL QUIET OUTSIDE LISBON AFTER ELECTION

Washington, April 7.—The state department received the following from Minister Bryan, at Lisbon: "Monarchists were overwhelmingly victorious in the elections. The disorders are confined to Lisbon. The rest of Portugal is quiet."

ANOTHER REBATE FINE

New York, April 7.—The Great Northern Railway company was found guilty of granting rebates to the American Sugar Refining company in the federal court today. The fine will be imposed later.

TOM LAWSON SUED

Boston, April 7.—John F. Domahue, politician and business man, sued Thomas W. Lawson for \$25,000. He recites thirty-three instances in which he acted for Lawson in matters of delicacy and importance. These ranged from dealing with financial magnates to financing stage productions.

Grain Market.

St. Louis, April 7.—Wheat, 96; corn, 65 1/2; oats, 53 1/2.